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1. SINCE SWEDEN IS NON-ASSISTANCE COUNTRY, THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS
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2. SWEDEN IS NOT IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS NOR MAJOR
TRANSIT POINT IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC. SWEDISH AUTHORITIES
ARE ALERT TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEMS AND
COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS FOR THEIR CONTROL. SWEDEN PARTI-
CIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES INCLUDING CND AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES
ON NE AND ME ILLEGAL TRAFFIC. IT FULLY SUPPORTED AMENDMENT TO
SINGLE CONVENTION AND SIGNED CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.
SWEDEN ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO UN SPECIAL FUND AND TO WHO NARCOTICS
ACTIVITIES. REGIONAL COOPERATION, PRIMARILY ON PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT, IS CONDUCTED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NORDIC COUNCIL.
NARCOTIK INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION IS LARGELY
CHANNELED THROUGH INTERPOL.

3. IN SWEDEN, CANNABIS AND CENTRAL STIMULANTS REMAIN MOST COMMON
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FORMS OF ABUSE. HOWEVER, PAST YEAR SAW MARKED INCREASE IN

USE OF HEROIN. COCAINE HAS NOT ENTERED SWEDISH MARKET TO ANY LARGE DEGREE AND IS NOT EXPECTED DO SO. THERE WERE 2525 ARRESTS ON DRUG CHARGES IN 1974 COMPARED TO 2284 IN 1973. FOLLOWING IS TABLE YOWING NUMBER OF SEIZURES IN 1974 BY TYPE OF DRUG AND CORRESPONDING AMOUNTS (WITH FIGURES FOR 1973 IN PARENTHESIS):

TYPE	NO. OF SEIZURES	QUANTITY (IN GRAMS)
CANNABIS	1922 (178L	134,856 (167,641)
OPIUM	14 (11)	255 (1,176)
MORPHINE BASE	61 (76)	2,151 (1,264)
HEROIN	9 (3)	175K217)
COCAINE	2 (3)	3 (39)
AMPHETAMINES	660 (385)	2,750,400 TABLETS (6,137,750 TABLETS)
PHENMETRALINE (PRILUDIN)	QE (286)	440,500 TABLETS (252,800 TABLETS)
LSD	25 (32)	4 (4)

4. BULK OF ILLEGAL DRUGS ENTERING SWEDEN APPEARS TO ORIGINATE IN MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE AND, THROUGH NETWORK OPERATED MAINLY BY OVERSEAS CHINESE, IS TRANSPORTED TO NETHERLANDS AND FROM THERE BY VARIOUS ROUTES TO SWEDEN. MAJORITY OF DRUG COURIERS ENTERING SWEDEN ARE SWEDES WITH REMAINDER CONSISTING OF VARIOUS EUROPEAN NATIONALITIES (RECENTLY GREEKS AND YUGOSLAVS).

5. SWEDISH HEALTH AND WELFARE BOARD CONDUCTS RELATIVELY LARGE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM PRESENTLY, THERE ARE SOME 16 OUTPATIENT CLINICS, SEVEN SPECIALIZED CARE UNITS, 13 HALF-WAY HOUSES, AND FOUR REFORM SCHOOLS PROVIDING TREATMENT FOR ADDICTS. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ALSO FINANCES MORE THAN HUNDRED DRUG-RELATED RESEARCH PROJECTS.

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